



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 79

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 79 Month Ending January 2013

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

Upon concluding the dispute associated with the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Phase 2 Sediment Study on January 22, 2013, a revised draft final version of the document is to be submitted no later than February 21, 2013. Conditional approval on the Draft Final V2 Fish Tissue Data Summary Report was received on February 5, 2013. Two changes to the document are required and a revised final document is to be submitted no later than March 8, 2013. TAI continues to review and comment on the white sturgeon draft data summary report prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey for EPA. Consistent with recent discussions, it is anticipated that these comments will be made available to EPA no later than February 28, 2013. Similarly TAI is preparing a quality assurance project plan for the Bossburg Beach expanded sediment study. Consistent with recent communications on this matter a draft plan will be submitted no later than February 27, 2013.

A revised data summary report for the recreational use survey as drafted by Industrial Economics, Inc. for the U.S. Department of the Interior is not yet available; TAI continues to evaluate the database and associated STATA® code for this work to ensure accuracy and completeness. Although the review is not yet complete, a systematic error in the way weights are calculated has been identified. TAI is working towards completing its review of the database and associated calculations no later than the 28th of February 2013.

Comments on the draft final surface water data summary report were received on February 5, 2013. Consistent with EPA's direction, other priority deliverables have been identified (see above-mentioned) and as such, a due date for document revisions was not established. TAI will continue to work cooperatively with EPA on this matter and ensure that revisions to the document are made in a timely and reasonable manner.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.